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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Charles A. Briggs  
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Proposed Agency Procedures to Govern Reporting  
to the Oversight Committees on Covert Action

1. Attached is a final draft of proposed internal Agency procedures to implement the covert action reporting agreements reached with SSCI and presently being negotiated with HPSCI. You will recall that the SSCI agreement included an understanding that the Agency would establish internal procedures which would ensure that a regular and continuing review of Agency covert actions was undertaken to identify potentially controversial or otherwise significant actions which should be reported to SSCI under these procedures. While the current draft of the HPSCI agreement does not specifically require internal Agency procedures, it clearly contemplates this same kind of continuous review of Agency covert actions to identify matters that should be reported to the Committee under the agreement.

2. The attached internal procedures have been agreed to by the DO, OGC, and this Office and now are ready for your review and approval. These procedures task EPS/DO with the initial review and determination as to whether a given covert action activity requires Congressional notification. This determination is to be made by EPS/DO pursuant to the criteria set forth in these procedures, and after consultation with OGC and this Office. The Covert Action Planning Group will review EPS determinations and then make a recommendation to the DDO as to which activities should be brought to your attention. The DDO determination will be forwarded to you for a final determination as to whether additional Executive Branch approval should be sought for an activity, or whether an activity which does not require such approval should nonetheless be reported to the Oversight Committees.

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3. The SSCI is somewhat anxious to have these procedures formally approved and implemented. As you know, in a 21 July letter addressed to you, the SSCI requested a briefing for its senior staff on these procedures once they are established. I will be happy to discuss these procedures with you at your convenience.

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Charles A. Briggs

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